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1. IN APRIL 3 DISCUSSION WITH DEPUTY MINISTER OF COMMERCE HAMIDULLAH TARZI, ECONCOUNS ASKED TARZI, WHO WAS AFGHAN REP TO MARCH SESSION OF TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD, FOR HIS ASSESSMENT OF THE OUTCOME. TARZI REPLIED THAT HE SAW THE SESSION AS THE MOST PRODUCTIVE THAT HE COULD RECALL, A FEELING HE THOUGHT MOST DELEGATES SHARED. FOR THE FIRST TIME, HE SAID, DISCERNABLE PROGRESS WAS MADE ON THE COMPLEX SET OF ISSUES RELATED TO LDC DEBT. THIS PROGRESS, HE HOPED, WOULD BE A HARBINGER OF A BREAKTHROUGH IN THE GENERAL NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE. HE HAD SHARED THIS ASSESSMENT, HE SAID, WITH MANY OF HIS AFRICAN COLLEAGUES IN THE GROUP OF 77.

2. COMMENT: TARZI IS ONE OF THE MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE AND EXPERIENCED MEN IN THE AFGHAN GOVERNMENT ON INTERNATIONAL
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TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT ISSUES AND IS NOT GIVEN TO HYPERBOLE. HENCE, IT IS SAFE TO ASSUME THAT THE AFGHAN GOVERNMENT'S PERCEPTIONS OF THE CONFERENCE MATCHES OUR OWN, I.E., THAT THE OUTCOME WAS GENERALLY FAVORABLE. (DECLASSIFY 12-31-78).
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